

House File 42 - Introduced

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BY WINDSCHITL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the taking of catfish by bow and arrow and
2 providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 461A.42, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A person may use a bow and arrow with an attached bow
4 fishing reel and ninety-pound minimum line attached to the
5 arrow to take catfish or rough fish as provided by rule of the
6 commission.

7 Sec. 2. Section 481A.76, Code 2015, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **481A.76 Unlawful means — exception.**

10 It is unlawful, except as otherwise provided, to use on or
11 in the waters of the state any grabhook, snaghook, any kind of
12 a net, seine, trap, firearm, dynamite, or other explosives, or
13 poisonous or stupefying substances, lime, ashes, electricity,
14 or hand fishing in the taking or attempting to take any fish,
15 except that gaffhooks or landing nets may be used to assist in
16 landing fish. The commission may permit designated fish to be
17 taken by hand fishing, by snagging, by spearing, by bow and
18 arrow, and with artificial light at the times and at the places
19 as determined by rules of the commission. The commission
20 shall permit the taking of catfish by bow and arrow, and with
21 artificial light in the manner and at the times and at the
22 places as determined by rules of the commission.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill allows a person to take catfish with a specified
27 bow and arrow in state parks and preserves as provided by rule
28 of the commission. A violation of this provision is punishable
29 with a scheduled fine of \$50. The bill also requires the
30 natural resource commission to allow the taking of catfish by
31 means of bow and arrow and with artificial light in a manner
32 and at times and places as determined by the commission by
33 rule. A violation of this provision is punishable with a
34 scheduled fine of \$50.

35 Currently, only the taking of rough fish in state parks

1 and preserves is allowed by use of a specified bow and arrow
2 as provided by rule of the commission, and the commission is
3 allowed, but not required, to designate fish that can be taken
4 by bow and arrow.